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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: METHOD FOR THE OLIGOMERISATION OF PEPTIDES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of September 29, 2000 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 29, 2000. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$890 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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